

# BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET

## HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	5/22/13
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	6/4/13
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All Supervisorial Districts
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Department of Mental Health (DMH)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Approval to renew the existing Transitional Housing Program (THP) Agreement with A Community of Friends to provide transitional housing and supportive services to Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) and Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill (SPMI) young adults.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Transitional Housing Program and supportive services for SED and SPMI young adults.
<b>DEADLINES</b>	June 30, 2013
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	For Fiscal Year 2013-14, funding will be provided by Intrafund Transfer from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) – Independent Living Program funds for a Total Compensation Amount of \$136,000.
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	To provide housing and supportive services for SED and SPMI young adults, ages 18 to 21, who have been in foster care in either the Dependency or the Delinquency system and have subsequently emancipated and had their court jurisdiction terminated.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to renew the term of the existing Transitional Housing Program Agreement, scheduled to expire on June 30, 2013.</p> <p>The ACOF Step-Out THP is a collaborative effort among ACOF, DCFS, the Probation Department, and DMH to provide housing and supportive services to SED and SPMI young adults. The various funding sources leveraged by ACOF to operate the Step-Out THP are interdependent and, therefore, any changes in funding availability would have an immediate impact on the viability of the program.</p> <p>The primary goal of the Step-Out THP is to assist these high-risk young adults in obtaining and remaining in secure housing, increasing their independent living skills and income levels, and achieving greater independence through self-sufficiency.</p>
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